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BANGKOK FOR DR. WILDE

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SUBJECT: PERIODIC VISITS TO USLO BY U.S. MILITARY PEDIATRICIAN

1. USLO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REGULAR VISIT THREE OR FOUR TIMES A YEAR OF A U.S. NAVY PEDIATRICIAN FROM THE U.S. NAVAL REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (USNRMC) IN YOKOSUKA, JAPAN. THE NUMBER OF DEPENDENT USLO CHILDREN HAS RECENTLY GROWN TO NINETEEN, INCLUDING SEVERAL INFANTS. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE ABSENCE OF ADEQUATE PEDIATRIC CARE IN PEKING, AND IN PARTICULAR ABOUT THE INABILITY OF PARENTS TO CONSULT REGULARLY WITH A PEDIATRICIAN ABOUT THE PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH OF THEIR CHILDREN. THIS TYPE OF CONSULTATION AND CHECK-UP IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THE CAPITAL HOSPITAL. WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT REGULAR VISITS BY THE SAME YOKOSUKA-BASED PEDIATRICIAN WOULD BE INVALUABLE FOR SECURING THE HEALTH OF USLO CHILDREN. THE COST WOULD BE MODEST, INVOLVING ONLY AIR FARE AND TWO OR THREE DAYS PER DIEM, CHARGEABLE TO THE POST'S ALLOTMENT.

2. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS IDEA WITH DR. HENRY WILDE,
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REGIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER, BANGKOK DURING HIS VISIT TO PEKING AND HE SUPPORTS SUCH A PROGRAM.

3. RECENT USLO TRAVELERS TONUSNRCM YOKOSUKA INFORMALLY DISCUSSED THIS PROPOSAL WITH THE CHIEF, PEDIATRIC SERVICES. HE WAS POSITIVE ABOUT THE PROPOSAL AND SAID THAT

IF AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED IN WASHINGTON HE WOULD BE
ABLE TO MAKE AVAILABLE A DOCTOR FOR REGULAR VISITS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S SUPPORT FOR THIS PROGRAM AND THE OBTAINING OF THE AGREEMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY. ONCE USNRMC, YOKOSUKA RECEIVES AUTHORIZATION FROM WASHINGTON, WE PROPOSE TO COORDINATE EACH VISIT DIRECTLY WITH USNRMC THROUGH EMBASSY TOKYO. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE FIRST VISIT COULD TAKE PLACE DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1977.

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